

**Silver Creek Township
Supervisor Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 08/06/2024**

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Helman called the meeting to order at 8:00 at the Silver Creek Township Hall.

Board Members Present:

Ryan Nelson, Supervisor	Mike Helman, Vice Chairman
Brandon Geyen, Supervisor	Sandy Forsman, Supervisor
Nancy Betzler Interim Clerk/Treasurer	

Absent: Chairman Chris Newman
8 people attended

OPEN FORUM: No comments

REVIEW and APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Added to the agenda to move Commissioner Vetsch after Approval of Minutes & Disbursements and to New Business Budget Work Session date. Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve agenda, second by Supervisor Forsman. Carried

Approval of Prior Minutes and Disbursements:

- 07-16-2024 Board Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Geyen. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.
- Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to approve the List of Claims/Disbursements. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

Commissioner Vetsch and County Engineer Chad Hausmann were present to discuss the process for the Township to be able to access the Town Bridge account to address the issue regarding the water out flow of Locke Lake and getting better water control. The Township will be responsible for the first \$10,000 for engineering costs. There will be at least 1 or 2 years before the County would have funds available. Our first step will be to hire a consultant to do a hydraulic analysis, if it would trigger a Town Bridge project that money spent could go toward the first \$10,000 engineering cost, if it does not trigger the project that will be the Township expense. The project would also go to the State for their approval. If approved it might be out 3 to 5 years before funds would be available to use. Question was asked how long the engineering study would be good for, they will check into that for us. Resident Johan Massmann expressed that the Township be aggressive about working on this issue.

Clerk Report: None

Budget Update: Supervisor Helman gave a budget update. He thinks we will need to carry over at the end of the year \$160,000 for the General Fund and \$600,000 for the Road & Bridge Fund. He would like to start an equipment fund so we do not have to take out a loan for new equipment. The Board will get an updated budget each month.

Maintenance Report: They have been able to get a lot of grading done because of all the rain. New hire doing well and be getting some training on the grader. There will be some expense for loader repairs. Motion by Supervisor Geyen to spend up to \$4500 for needed repair, second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 4-0. Chris will be doing the paperwork for the grant on the culvert replacement. Supervisor Helman report that the expenses for the clean-up day were \$6293.63 and the income received was \$7333.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) 3864 150th St NW Junk: Property Owner John Haack was present to discuss some of the issues he will have to do before he can start correcting the issues. He needs to repair the roof and garage doors. Mr. Haack has been told he cannot have the items he is bringing from his Maple Lake property and left outside at his Silver Creek property. He said he does want to address the issues; he is cleaning out the garage at this time.

Vice Chairman Helman provided Mr. Haack with the County Ordinance that needs to be followed.

The Township's position is that he keeps in compliance with the County ordinances and not bring the property back like it was when the Township took action in 2013 for this same issue. Vice Chairman Helman feels we are back there now and would like to have this fixed so the Township does not have to involve anyone else. Mr. Haack was told that we are putting him on notice that nothing else can be brought to the property. Mr. Haack was asked if anything else was coming & he stated no and that he thinks everything that has been brought will go into the garage.

Mr. Haack was told that the property needed to be brought back in compliance like it was in 2014.

Motion made by Supervisor Helman that Silver Creek Township start the process of issuing a notice to Mr. Haack outlining the violations and to start the clean-up process and for him to report at the first meeting on September 03, 2024, with an update on the process. Second by Supervisor Nelson. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Haack was encouraged to do as much work on it as he can and we will discuss time lines and he can show what has been done and what is left to get done.

Hiring: Supervisor Helman & Forsman will make an offer to someone that has been interviewed for the Clerk/Treasurer position. They want to start them at \$27 per hour with a review at 6 months with a possible increase to \$28 per hour with a positive review. Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to hire the candidate for \$27 per hour with increase to \$28 per hour after the 6 month review. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Motion carried 4-0.

Road Tour Dates: Road Tour will be done on August 20th starting at 8 am.

New Business:

Budget Work Date: Will look at a date toward the end of September to have a workshop to work on the budget for next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Supervisor Geyen to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Second by Supervisor Forsman. Carried 4-0.

Submitted by

Nancy Betzler, Silver Creek Township Interim, Clerk

August 6th, 2024 Minutes

Approved by Board of Supervisors

August 20th, 2024